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July 19, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, BACK RIDGE
FIELD, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MANTI OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 10,560 feet and 11,656 feet (10,550 feet and 11,646 feet TVD) in the Manti Operating Company--PLAN 1-3 RA SUA; Henry No. 1 Well, located in Section 22, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

2. To confirm and continue in force and effect the unit designated PLAN 1-3 RA SUA, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 1249-C, effective August 5, 2003, as a drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as redefined herein, said unit being shown on the attached plat.

3. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for PLAN 1-3 RA SUA at the location shown on the attached plat.

4. To find that an alternate unit well for PLAN 1-3 RA SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the unit which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within the unit.

5. To permit the operator of PLAN 1-3 RA SUA to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.

6. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1249-C, effective August 5, 2003.

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7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1249-C, effective August 5, 2003.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Comeaux at (337) 233-9839 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

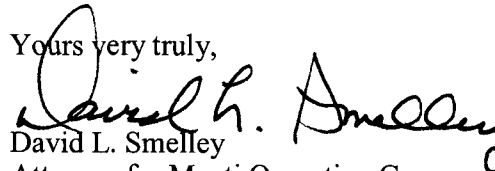
By letter dated June 30, 2004, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set July 26, 2004, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the unit plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Back Ridge Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
Attorney for Manti Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

